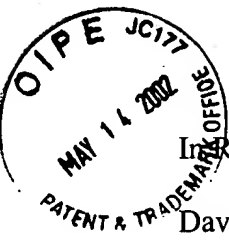


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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed February 26, 2002, Applicants request entry of the following amendment.

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 12 as follows:

12. (Twice Amended) In a negotiated matching system for identifying potential counterparties to a transaction and enabling communication between the parties to negotiate at least some of the terms of the transaction, said system including a matching computer, a plurality of terminals corresponding to a plurality of users, and a network for transmitting negotiating messages between two or more of said terminals in response to an identified match of at least some transaction data, at least one of said terminals comprising a user interface displayed on said

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